

Jim Reese was appointed by Governor Mary Fallin as the Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture and sworn into office on January 10, 2011. He acts as Governor Fallin's chief advisor on policy development and implementation related to agriculture, food, and forestry. Reese serves concurrently as the Oklahoma Commissioner of Agriculture and is a member of the Board of Regents for the Oklahoma Agricultural & Mechanical Colleges, the Commissioners of the Land Office and the Oklahoma State Board of Equalization.

Secretary Reese is a graduate of Northern Oklahoma College, where he earned an associate's degree in drafting and design. He later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology from Oklahoma State University. Since 1978, he has managed a farm in Nardin, Oklahoma.

In 1986, he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives and served in this office from 1987 to 2001. Reese was then selected to serve as the Oklahoma State Executive Director for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Farm Service Agency under the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush. In 2008, Reese was appointed as the Oklahoma Policy Advisor to the Speaker of the House.

Secretary Reese has been married to Margaret Lynn Lobmeyer Reese since 1985 and has four children--Joanna, Drew, Lainey, and Spencer.